

Please replace the paragraph at page 31, lines 26-30 and page 32 lines 1-3, with the following amended paragraph.

--FAT used in the formulae (3) and (7) is the body fat ratio expressed in percentage.

A2 (Hereinafter, FAT represents the body fat ratio.) Also, the character s in the formula (4) represents the abdominal subcutaneous fat thickness. Formula (2) is for a calculation of an estimated VA based on correlation of VA with the patient's WHR and BMI. Formula (3) is for a calculation of an estimated VA based on correlation of VA with the patient's WHR and FAT.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 32, lines 10-14, with the following amended paragraph.

AB --Further, Formula (6) is for a calculation of an estimated VA based on correlation of VA with the patient's WHR and bioelectrical impedance Z. Still further, Formula (7) is for a calculation of an estimated VA based on correlation of VA with the patient's WHR and $TL2/Z$.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 33, lines 13-23, with the following amended paragraph.

A4 --If these Formulae (1) through (7) are used with the addition of the correction term Y_c given by Formula (8) and the correction term X_c give by Formula (9) in the calculation of VA, it becomes possible to reflect the patient's personal physical characteristics in terms of the age and sex more precisely. Either one or both of the correction terms Y_c and X_c